

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on March 9, 2005 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Rep. Holly Raser (D)**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 85, 3/2/2005; SB 92, 3/2/2005;
SB 151, 3/3/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 92

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:26 **SEN. KEN TOOLE (D), SD 41**, opened the hearing on **SB 92**, Clarify valuation of condominiums for tax purposes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:30 Dolores Cooney, Montana Department of Revenue

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:30 **CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:48 **SEN. KEN TOOLE (D)** closed the hearing on **SB 92**.

HEARING ON SB 85

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:23 **SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES (D), SD 48**, opened the hearing on **SB 85**, Income tax checkoff for renal dialysis.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:56 Cindy Schaumberg, Dialysis Social Worker, St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula

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00:18:34 Chris Tweeten, self, Helena resident

00:22:27 Jani McCall, Deaconess Hospital, Billings and American Diabetes Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:24:10 Shona McHugh, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:16 REP. PETERSON
00:25:57 REP. LAMBERT
00:28:38 REP. FACEY
00:29:36 REP. LAKE
00:34:22 REP. BUTCHER
00:35:18 REP. BRANAE
00:36:57 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:39 SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES (D) closed the hearing on
SB 85.

00:44:18 Break
02:30:50 Resume

HEARING ON SB 151

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:31:01 SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on
SB 151, Revise designation of resort community or
area for instituting resort tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:36:00 Andy Poole, Montana Department of Commerce
02:38:28 Steve Golnar, City Manager, Livingston
[EXHIBIT](#) (tah52a02)
02:40:56 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns
02:42:37 Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:43:20 Don Hargrove, Big Sky Resort Area Community

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:43:46 REP. LAMBERT
02:47:00 REP. COHENOUR
02:50:02 REP. ROSS
02:53:05 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

Closing by Sponsor:

02:54:32 SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D) closed the hearing on
SB 151.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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